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REMARKS

Claims 6 and 9-23 are pending. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6, 9-11, 14 and 23 have been amended.

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a)

Claims 1-6 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,822,153 to Lairson et al. ("Lairson"). Claims 7, 15, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lairson in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0043446 to Barlow et al. ("Barlow").

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-22 and the allowability of claims 8-10 and 16-18. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 7 and 8, thus claims 6 and 9-10 should be allowed. Claim 23 has been amended to include limitations similar to that in claim 8 and should also be allowable.

Independent claims 11 and 14 have been amended to bring out a feature of an embodiment of the present invention. As described at paragraph 0024 for example, the conductive layer is applied to both sides (e.g., so that both sides may be temporarily coupled to ground when the substrate is mounted on a fixture). Such a feature is neither shown nor suggested by the Lairson or Barlow references. Accordingly, reconsideration

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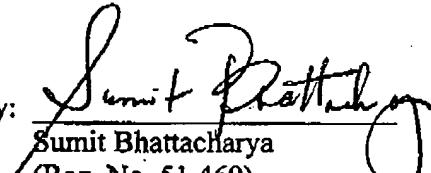
and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

For at least all the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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